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## **Urbanna native retires after more than 30 years**

PENSACOLA, Fla. — Vice Adm. John W. Craine Jr., retired from the naval service capping the end of a nearly 33-year distinguished career at a change of command ceremony held today at the National Museum of Naval Aviation onboard the Naval Air Station Pensacola.

Craine is a native of Urbanna, Va., and a graduate of Christchurch School, and Randolph Macon College. He is the son of the late Betty and Wilbur Craine who lived on Virginia Street in Urbanna for many years.

On July 16, 1998, then-Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen announced that the former President William Clinton nominated Craine for appointment to his present rank and assignment as chief of Naval Education and Training (CNET) at Naval Air Station Pensacola. Craine assumed those duties in December 1998.

The guest speaker, Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern Clark, praised Craine for his years of dedicated and selfless service to the Navy and his country, as well as his direction and guidance as CNET.

“Under your leadership, CNET has transferred more knowledge to more Sailors, faster, and at less cost than ever in our history,” said Clark, “You’ve made your mark in Navy education and training and in the fleet. It has been a real honor to serve with you.”

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Craine entered the Navy in 1968 through Aviation Officer Candidate School in Pensacola and upon completion of flight training, he reported to Fighter Squadron 103, where he flew 115 combat Vietnam missions off the flight deck of the aircraft carrier, USS SARATOGA (CV 60).

Craine praised the CNET staff for their dedication and support during his tenure as CNET.

“To all of you at the Naval Education and Training Command, I salute you and I thank you,” commented Craine, “ You have truly made a difference and it has been a pleasure and an honor to serve you.”

During his military career he has received the Legion of Merit (four awards), the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal (with eight subsequent awards), the Navy Commendation Medal (three awards with the combat "V"), and the Navy Achievement Medal (two awards).

Clark presented Craine with the Distinguished Service Medal for exceptionally meritorious service to the government of the United States and duties of great responsibilities while serving as CNET.

Craine is married to the former Wendy Burchinal of Birmingham, Ala., and they have two sons, David and Clarke. Clarke is a Navy lieutenant, and David is a restaurant chef in New York City.

Craine attended Mrs. Evelyn Ryland’s kindergarten school in Urbanna, old Urbanna Elementary School, and Middlesex High School for two years. He graduated from Christchurch School in 1964.

Craine and his wife plan to return to their home in the Urbanna.

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